



Select District of Columbia Mandatory Minimum Laws

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not necessarily a complete list. Laws frequently change, and these sentences may no longer be accurate or up to date. Talk with a lawyer in your state if you have questions.

Code Section	Offense	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
DC ST § 22-4504(b)	Possession of a firearm during a crime of violence* or dangerous crime†	5 years
DC ST § 22-4503	<p>Owning, keeping, controlling, or possessing a firearm within the District of Columbia, if the person:</p> <p>(1) Has been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;</p> <p>(2) Is not licensed under § 22-4510 to sell weapons, and the person has been convicted of violating this chapter;</p> <p>(3) Is a fugitive from justice;</p> <p>(4) Is addicted to any controlled substance, as defined in § 48-901.02(4);</p> <p>(5) Is subject to a court order that:</p> <p>(A)(i) Was issued after a hearing of which the person received actual notice, and at which the person had an opportunity to participate; or</p> <p>(ii) Remained in effect after the person failed to appear for a hearing of which the person received actual notice;</p> <p>(B) Restrains the person from assaulting, harassing, stalking, or threatening the petitioner or any other person named in the order; and</p> <p>(C) Requires the person to relinquish possession of any firearms (as provided in § 16-1005(c)(10));</p> <p>(6) Has been convicted of an intrafamily offense, as defined in § 16-1001, or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction</p>	<p>1 year</p> <p>3 years, if the person has a prior conviction for a crime of violence* other than conspiracy</p>
DC ST § 7-2507.06(3)	Knowingly possessing restricted pistol bullets in violation of § 7-2506.01(3)	1 year



Code Section	Offense	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
DC ST § 22-2106	First-degree murder of a police officer	Life without the possibility of release
DC ST § 22-2104(b)	First-degree murder	30 years
DC ST § 22-2803(b)(2)	Armed carjacking	15 years
DC ST § 22-2803(a)(1)	Carjacking	7 years
DC ST § 22-4502	Committing a crime of violence* or dangerous crime† while armed with a firearm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st offense; no prior convictions for crimes of violence* or dangerous crimes† - 2nd offense; at least one prior conviction for a crime of violence* or dangerous crime† involving <i>any</i> dangerous weapon 	5 years 10 years
DC ST § 22-3212	1st or 2nd degree theft, and the defendant has 2 prior convictions for theft	1 year

* The term “crime of violence” means aggravated assault; act of terrorism; arson; assault on a police officer (felony); assault with a dangerous weapon; assault with intent to kill, commit first degree sexual abuse, commit second degree sexual abuse, or commit child sexual abuse; assault with intent to commit any other offense; burglary; carjacking; armed carjacking; child sexual abuse; cruelty to children in the first degree; extortion or blackmail accompanied by threats of violence; gang recruitment, participation, or retention by the use or threatened use of force, coercion, or intimidation; kidnapping; malicious disfigurement; manslaughter; manufacture or possession of a weapon of mass destruction; mayhem; murder; robbery; sexual abuse in the first, second, or third degrees; use, dissemination, or detonation of a weapon of mass destruction; or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses. *See* DC ST §§ 22-4501(1); 23-1331(4) (2009).

† The term “dangerous crime” means distribution of or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. For the purposes of this definition, the term “controlled substance” means any substance defined as such in the District of Columbia Official Code or any Act of Congress. *See* DC ST § 22-4501(2).